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REMARKS

INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the foregoing, claim 17 has been added. Claims 1, 4-10 and 17 are

pending and under consideration.

NEW CLAIM

Claim 17 has been added to present an additional feature of the present invention.

Support for this amendment may be found in at least paragraph [0032] of the specification. It is

respectfully submitted that at least the feature of claim 17 that indicating the input/output cable is

not connected to the host comprises turning on a light emitting diode patentably distinguishes

over the cited prior art.

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the

application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is

requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge

the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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